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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1209

DATE: January 18, 2013

TO: Iowa Medicaid Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC) Participating in IowaCare

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: IowaCare FQHC Medical Home Reimbursement Rates

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2013

IowaCare is a federally authorized waiver that provides limited medical care coverage for low-income adults, ages 19-64, who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The IowaCare provider network is currently supported by Broadlawns Medical Center, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) and a regional network of federally qualified health care centers operating as medical homes.

Effective January 1, 2013, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved moving from a fee-for-service payment methodology to an encounter rate methodology for services provided by participating FQHCs. Claims for IowaCare members should be submitted just as clarified in Informational Letter [892](#). The encounter code T1015 should be appended on the first claim line, with the second and subsequent claim lines containing the applicable specific procedure code(s) for services rendered as “informational only” and billed at \$0.00. The T1015 code should be submitted on the first claim line regardless of the underlying service(s) that are provided in any given encounter.

As a result of the new payment methodology the designated laboratory and radiology providers that partnered with the FQHCs will no longer bill the IME directly for services provided to IowaCare members.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work towards offering much needed services to all Iowans. If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or email at imeproviderservies@dhs.state.ia.us.